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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT RELEASED AUGUST 14 LATE
AFTERNOON BY MFA ON IMPLICATIONS OF LIFTING ARMS EMBARGO:

BEGIN TEXT:

MFA INFORMATION GENERAL DIRECTORATE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT,
DATED 14 AUGUST 78:

IN CERTAIN REPORTS APPEARING IN THE PRESS AND ALSO IN STATEMENTS
MADE TO THE PRESS YESTERDAY BY THE PRESIDENT GENERAL OF THE
NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY, THE HONORABLE ALPARSLAN TURKES,
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IT WAS INDICATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE US ON MARCH 26, 1976,
BUT NOT YET IN EFFECT, IN RETURN FOR THE OPENING OF BASES THE
US WOULD PROVIDE TURKEY \$300 MILLION GRANT AID ANNUALLY,
TOTALLING \$1 BILLION 2 MILLION.

THE TOTAL AID INCLUDED IN THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WAS NOT ALL GRANT AID. IN ARTICLE 19 OF THE AGREEMENT, IT WAS STIPULATED THAT THE US WOULD PROVIDE TURKEY A TOTAL OF \$1 BILLION IN DEFENSE SUPPORT OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, OF THE AID TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE US OVER FOUR YEARS, \$800 MILLION WAS CREDIT AND \$200 MILLION WAS GRANT AID. FURTHERMORE, IN AN ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT, IT WAS INDICATED THAT A \$70 MILLION EXIMBANK CREDIT WOULD BE PROVIDED.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, REPORTS AND STATEMENTS THAT THE US WOULD PROVIDE TURKEY \$300 MILLION ANNUALLY AS GRANT THROUGH THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT ARE INCORRECT.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AND THE DISCUSSION OF A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT ARE SEPARATE MATTERS, AND THIS VIEWPOINT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE US. UPON THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, \$80-90 MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT EN ROUTE TO TURKEY WILL ARRIVE; AS OF OCTOBER 1978, \$175 MILLION IN GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CREDITS AND \$50 MILLION IN DEFENSE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE WILL ALSO BEGIN. FURTHERMORE, THE EMBARGO LIFTING RAISES THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AT NOMINAL PRICES. WITH THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, TURKEY WILL CONSIDER RELATIONS WITH THE US NOT JUST FROM THE ASPECT OF GRANTS AND CREDITS TO BE PROVIDED TO TURKEY, BUT ALSO WITH THE REALIZATION THAT DEFENSE AND THE ECONOMY ARE PART OF A WHOLE AND WITHIN A FRAMEWORK UNCLASSIFIED

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OF GENERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON A BROAD SCALE, INCLUDING EXIMBANK CREDITS, AND COMMON DEFENSE PRODUCTION AS WELL.
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